

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A signal converter for converting a digital input
2 signal to an optical modulation signal, comprising:
3 a Mach-Zehnder type optical modulator to be supplied with
4 the digital input signals controlled in amplitude, and a bias
5 signal for providing the optical modulation signal;
6 a pilot signal-superimposing circuit for superimposing a
7 pilot signal of a frequency on a bias control signal;
8 a monitor circuit for providing a monitor signal by
9 receiving a part of the optical modulation signal supplied from
10 the optical modulator;
11 a first feedback system for providing an amplitude control
12 signal to control an amplitude of the digital input signal in
13 accordance with a frequency deviation signal obtained from the
14 monitor signal; and
15 a second feedback system for providing the bias control
16 signal to control the bias signal in accordance with a
17 multiplying frequency deviation signal obtained from the
18 monitor signal.

1 2. The signal converter as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 the first feedback system comprises a first mixer for
3 multiplying the pilot signal and the monitor signal; a first
4 low pass filter for providing the frequency deviation signal
5 based on a low frequency component obtained from an output of

6 the first mixer; and a first differential amplifier for
7 providing the amplitude control signal in accordance with a
8 difference between an output of the first low pass filter and
9 a first reference signal.

1 3. The signal converter as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 the second feedback system comprises a first oscillator
3 for generating a multiplying frequency corresponding to a
4 multiplication of the frequency of the pilot signal; a second
5 mixer for multiplying an output of the first oscillator and the
6 monitor signal; a second low pass filter for providing the
7 multiplying frequency deviation signal based on a low frequency
8 component obtained from an output of the second mixer; and a
9 second differential amplifier for providing the bias control
10 signal in accordance with a difference between an output of the
11 second low pass filter and a second reference signal.

1 4. The signal converter as defined in claim 2, wherein:
2 the second feedback system comprises a first oscillator
3 for generating a multiplying frequency corresponding to a
4 multiplication of the frequency of the pilot signal; a second
5 mixer for multiplying an output of the first oscillator and the
6 monitor signal; a second low pass filter for providing the
7 multiplying frequency deviation signal based on a low frequency
8 component obtained from an output of the second mixer; and a
9 second differential amplifier for providing the bias control

10 signal in accordance with a difference between an output of the
11 second low pass filter and a second reference signal.

1 5. The signal converter as defined in claim 1, wherein:
2 the second feedback system comprises a second oscillator
3 for generating the frequency of the pilot signal; a band pass
4 filter for providing a harmonic wave contained in the pilot
5 signal; a third mixer for multiplying the harmonic wave and the
6 monitor signal; a third low pass filter for providing a
7 multiplying frequency deviation signal based on a low frequency
8 component obtained from an output of the third mixer; and a third
9 differential amplifier for providing the bias control signal
10 in accordance with a difference between an output of the third
11 low pass filter and a third reference signal.

1 6. The signal converter as defined in claim 2, wherein:
2 the second feedback system comprises a second oscillator
3 for generating the frequency of the pilot signal; a band pass
4 filter for providing a harmonic wave contained in the pilot
5 signal; a third mixer for multiplying the harmonic wave and the
6 monitor signal; a third low pass filter for providing a
7 multiplying frequency deviation signal based on a low frequency
8 component obtained from an output of the third mixer; and a third
9 differential amplifier for providing the bias control signal
10 in accordance with a difference between an output of the third
11 low pass filter and a third reference signal.

1 7. The signal converter as defined in claim 3, wherein:
2 the first oscillator generates a twofold frequency of the
3 frequency of the pilot signal.

1 8. The signal converter as defined in claim 4, wherein:
2 the first oscillator generates a twofold frequency of the
3 frequency of the pilot signal.